

Service of Morning Prayer. Sunday 15th
November Second Sunday before Advent

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome everyone by Revd Grant.

*Welcome. It is good to gather in worship.
The Lord is present with you in your home or with
you where you gather with us in worship.
Know as you move towards him, he moves
towards you. He is a God of movement. We are
expectant as we come to worship...*

*Our God is an inviting God. He invites us to come
near...*

³⁷ The two disciples... followed Jesus. ³⁸ Turning
around, Jesus saw them following and asked,
"What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi ... where
are you staying?" ³⁹ "Come," he replied, "and you
will see." So they went and saw where he was
staying, and they spent that day with him. (John
1:35-39).

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All and also with you.



*We are now invited to spend time with the Lord
Jesus ...*

Opening Song

We have come together, the people of God,
drawn by his Spirit, longing for his Word,
to praise the holy name of the Lord,
to share his glorious news of grace,
to pray for our needs and the pain of the world,
to rejoice in his love and be sent in his peace.

Prayers of Penitence

Jesus said: Repent for the kingdom of heaven is
close at hand.

So let us turn away from our sin and turn to
Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

**All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins.
Heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Blessed is the Lord,

All for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

All and in our song will we praise our God.

We continue in prayer...

God of welcome,

You invite me into Your family.

I sit at your table and savour your word to me.

Help me receive all the nourishment you have for
me today. **Amen.**

The night has passed,

and the day lies open before us;

let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day and new
week, so may the light of your presence,
O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

Psalm 119 –*Over the coming weeks, we will each Sunday read a portion of this psalm – until we complete the psalm in mid December.*

י Zayin

- ⁴⁹ Remember your word to your servant,
for you have given me hope.
⁵⁰ My comfort in my suffering is this:
your promise preserves my life.
⁵¹ The arrogant mock me unmercifully,
but I do not turn from your law.
⁵² I remember, LORD, your ancient laws,
and I find comfort in them.

⁵³ Indignation grips me because of the wicked,
who have forsaken your law.
⁵⁴ Your decrees are the theme of my song
wherever I lodge.
⁵⁵ In the night, LORD, I remember your name,
that I may keep your law.
⁵⁶ This has been my practice:
I obey your precepts.

ח Heth

- ⁵⁷ You are my portion, LORD;
I have promised to obey your words.
⁵⁸ I have sought your face with all my heart;
be gracious to me according to your promise.
⁵⁹ I have considered my ways
and have turned my steps to your statutes.
⁶⁰ I will hasten and not delay
to obey your commands.

⁶¹ Though the wicked bind me with ropes,
I will not forget your law.
⁶² At midnight I rise to give you thanks
for your righteous laws.
⁶³ I am a friend to all who fear you,
to all who follow your precepts.
⁶⁴ The earth is filled with your love, LORD;
teach me your decrees.

ט Teth

- ⁶⁵ Do good to your servant
according to your word, LORD.
⁶⁶ Teach me knowledge and good judgment,
for I trust your commands.
⁶⁷ Before I was afflicted I went astray,
but now I obey your word.
⁶⁸ You are good, and what you do is good;
teach me your decrees.

⁶⁹ Though the arrogant have smeared me with
lies,
I keep your precepts with all my heart.
⁷⁰ Their hearts are callous and unfeeling,
but I delight in your law.
⁷¹ It was good for me to be afflicted
so that I might learn your decrees.
⁷² The law from your mouth is more precious to
me
than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now,
and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.**

NT : 1 Corinthians 3:5-9
This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Song

Gospel: John 20:19-26
This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Canticle 'Great and Wonderful'

All nations shall come and worship you,
O Christ,
And share in the feast of your kingdom.

Great and wonderful are your deeds,
Lord God the Almighty.

Just and true are your ways,
O ruler of the nations.

Who shall not revere and praise your name,
O Lord?
For you alone are holy.

All nations shall come and worship
in your presence:
For your just dealings have been revealed.
(Revelation 15:3-4)

To the One who sits on the throne
and to the Lamb
Be blessing and honour and glory and might,
For ever and ever. Amen.

All nations shall come and worship you,
O Christ,
And share in the feast of your kingdom.

Sermon

For our sermon, I welcome Michael Harvey. Michael thinks, preaches and trains about Churches being not just welcoming places but inviting places. Something we seek to continue to grow further into as a church community.

In September and October, he has been running a small group for 6 of our members, to help them explore practically, day by day, what it means to invite God, to show us, to guide us to the people he wants us to connect with today.

Before Michael speaks a testimony from one of the members of that group...

Testimony

Song

Response

Thank you Michael.

Michael will be joining us **live** for quarter of an hour at All Saints for our Zoom Sunday Catch up at 11am (link is in the email newsletter / church whatsapp group).

If you are able to join our Zoom at 11am, why not think about a question to ask him.

Or message me the question between now and 11am and I will make sure I ask him during Zoom.

As you heard. Michael worked with 6 people from All Saints – Rob, Anneke, Marciano, Ruben, Hannah and Julia – in two small groups. They met for an hour each week for 3-4 week. This was via Zoom. I attended also.

If you would be interested in being part of a new group working with Michael between now and Christmas, 3 or 4 times meeting for one hour, please let me know.

We listen to another testimony from one of our members who was in that small group with Michael.

Testimony

Affirmation of Faith:

(from the Athanasian Creed)

We proclaim the Church's faith in Jesus Christ,
the King of Kings
who became flesh and came among us.

**We believe and declare
that our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Son of God, is both divine and human.**

**God, of the being of the Father,
the only Son from before time began;
human from the being of his mother, born in the
world;
fully God and fully human;
human in both mind and body.**

**As God he is equal to the Father,
as human he is less than the Father.
Although he is both divine and human
he is not two beings but one Christ.**

**One, not by turning God into flesh,
but by taking humanity into God;
truly one, not by mixing humanity
with Godhead,
but by being one person.**

**For as mind and body
form one human being
so the one Christ is both divine and human.
The Word became flesh
and lived among us;
we have seen his glory,
the glory of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.**

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.



Offertory Prayer for gifts to All Saints

Gracious God
Accept our financial gifts,
and with them our lives,
to be used in your service;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collects

All Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God
and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear
in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal
and glorious kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

All Father God, I receive your love for me;
send me out to love the world for you.
Jesus Christ, I believe you live in me;
Send me out to show the world it's true.
Holy Spirit, I perceive your presence in my life;
send me out to serve the world with You.
Amen.

*Bring our prayers and praises to a close,
we sing together...*

All Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Going out as God's People

Announcements

Thank you for all that you have given to All Saints. If you would like to donate, our financial details are on our website. For any further questions, please contact our treasurer of All Saints (treasurer@allsaintsamersfoort.nl)

The International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Church is held in UK on November 15th. Christian Solidarity Worldwide, Evangelical Alliance (EA), Release International and Open Doors UK are holding a prayer and worship event in the evening – 7.30pm. Go to the Release International or CSW websites to register.

Release International:

<https://releaseinternational.org/>

CSW (UK)

<https://www.csw.org.uk/2020/11/6/prayer/4863/article.htm>

EA

<https://www.eauk.org/what-we-do/events/idop-online>

Final Song

Blessing

Christ our exalted King
pour upon you his abundant gifts
and bring you to reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

We finish with praying the grace together...

All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all this day and evermore.
Amen.

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